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RELEASE DATES FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL REPORTS

December 03	Dairy Products
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CATTLE ON FEED

On November 1, 1999, Arizona had 239,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 17 percent from a year ago and 31,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head, up 21,000 from October 1998. During October, 15,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 25 percent from last October.

On November 1, 1999, California had 395,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 1 percent from last November, and an increase of 4 percent over last month. Placements totaled 67,000 head, up 7,000 from October 1998. During October, 47,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 6 percent from last October.

Cattle

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3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 29.4 million pounds during October. This production was up 1 million pounds (3 percent) from the previous year's total of 28.4 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.00 billion pounds in October, down 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in October 1998.

October 1998 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.09 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,213 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19 million pounds, 12 percent below the previous record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 105 thousand head, down 16 percent from October 1998.

The average live weight was 16 pounds above last year, at 298 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.95 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 4 percent from the previous record low for October set last year. Sheep slaughter totaled 305 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 38.4 billion pounds, 2

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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Arizona during October totaled 233 million pounds, up 6.9 percent from October 1998.

Production per cow in Arizona averaged 1,725 pounds for October, 75 pounds higher than October 1998.

The number of cows on farms in Arizona was 135,000 head, 3,000 head more than October 1998.

Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 11.6 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from production in these same States in October 1998. September revised production, at 11.2 billion pounds was up 4.9 percent from September 1998. The

September revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 37 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,496 pounds for October, 50 pounds above October 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 57,000 head more than October 1998 but 1,000 head less than September 1999. October is the first month that the dairy cow herd has not expanded from the previous month in the 20 major States since February of this year. The total increase from February to September was 51,000 head of cows.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, OCTOBER 1998-99

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	Percent change from 1997
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	132	135	1,650	1,725	218	233	6.9
CA	1,432	1,480	1,650	1,760	2,363	2,605	10.2
FL	158	157	1,030	1,085	163	170	4.3
ID	298	327	1,660	1,740	495	569	14.9
IL	126	121	1,340	1,340	169	162	-4.1
IN	137	135	1,300	1,325	178	179	0.6
IA	221	215	1,420	1,455	314	313	-0.3
KY	137	131	970	1,000	133	131	-1.5
MI	300	295	1,505	1,540	452	454	0.4
MN	545	545	1,375	1,395	749	760	1.5
MO	167	161	1,125	1,150	188	185	-1.6
NM	219	235	1,680	1,685	368	396	7.6
NY	702	702	1,380	1,420	969	997	2.9
OH	262	259	1,350	1,410	354	365	3.1
PA	621	617	1,415	1,450	879	895	1.8
TX	342	346	1,260	1,255	431	434	0.7
VT	160	160	1,380	1,395	221	223	0.9
VA	123	121	1,205	1,315	148	159	7.4
WA	247	246	1,815	1,890	448	465	3.8
WI	1,366	1,364	1,380	1,395	1,885	1,903	1.0
20-State Total	7,695	7,752	1,446	1,496	11,125	11,598	4.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!!

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASES 2 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.2 percent) from the October index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affect the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cotton, milk, cattle, and cottonseed more than offset the relatively lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce. These marketing changes account for most of the November index increase. Higher prices for broilers, eggs, potatoes, and corn slightly offset price decreases for milk, soybeans, oranges, hogs, and lettuce.

Compared with November 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 6 points (6.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from November 1998

for milk, cotton, soybeans, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, apples, and calves.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from October but 3 points (2.6 percent) above November 1998. Lower prices in November for herbicides, potash and phosphate materials, and mixed fertilizers were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 1998 AND 1999 AND OCTOBER 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		November 1998 Entire Month	October 1999 Entire Month	November 1999 Mid-Month	November 1998 Entire Month	October 1999 Entire Month	November 1999 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	63.6	46.8	2/	65.1	45.9	46.8
All Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.97	2.58	2.54
Durum Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.17	2.17	2.43
Winter Wheat 4/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.78	2.47	2.36
All Hay Baled	\$ Ton	68.00	84.00	82.00	81.40	73.70	74.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled	\$ Ton	68.00	85.00	82.00	85.00	76.00	77.30
Other Hay Baled	\$ Ton	90.00	65.00	82.00	69.30	64.70	64.80
Lemons 6/	\$ Box	30.90	39.00	32.60	31.30	37.20	30.90
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	26.90	30.60	30.20	29.70	33.80	33.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	61.70	69.40	69.20	62.30	70.10	70.80
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	61.00	67.80	68.80	58.10	66.20	66.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	74.40	86.30	85.00	77.50	91.90	91.60
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	16.30	14.40	13.20	17.90	15.00	14.40

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Insufficient sales to determine a price.

4/ First half of month.

5/ Mid-month.

6/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs.

7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

8/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

9/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998		1999	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	99	99	91	93
Prices Paid	114	114	117	117
Ratio 1/	87	87	78	79

1/ *Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.*